

UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women

How is substance abuse linked with sexual violence?

Can technology be used to protect victims?

What can advocates tell researchers about violence against women?

How can medical evidence be collected more effectively?

What are the effects of domestic violence on kids?

Are certain types of offenders more dangerous than others?

Are women safe on campus?

What is the profile of a stalker?

How does domestic violence impact the workplace?

Are students academically prepared to address violence against women?

Are protective orders effective?

Does domestic violence offender treatment work?

Research

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Scholarship

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Public Service

SECURING THE FUTURE

First Lady Judi C. Patton

Advisory Committee Chair

“Advocates in rape crisis and domestic violence programs have long invested in the immediate security of women victimized by violence. This Center adds to that investment by creating hope for the future.”

What is the mission of the Center?

The Center for Research on Violence Against Women at the University of Kentucky is committed to preparing students and advancing scientific inquiry into the legal and clinical complexities presented by domestic violence, rape, stalking and related crimes against women. The Center is dedicated to enhancing the welfare and safety of those impacted by the crime through **research, scholarship and public service.**

Lee T. Todd, Jr.

President, University of Kentucky

“Violence against women challenges universities to prepare students through scholarship and public service to prevent its occurrence or to remedy its impact. It is also incumbent on the academic community to advance the science of studying violence in order to end it. These are commitments being made by the University of Kentucky and these must become the commitments of every institution of higher learning.”

Design of the Center

The Center for Research on Violence Against Women is administered under the Office of the Vice President for Research in close collaboration with the Office of the Provost. In order to establish linkages and support from criminal justice and victim advocacy agencies in Kentucky and around the nation, the Center has established an Advisory Committee made up of UK faculty, practitioners in the field, and five researchers from around the country whose work in the violence against women area is well known and highly respected.

Approximately 1.3 million women are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the U.S.

ACHIEVING THE MISSION

Michael T. Nietzel

Provost, University of Kentucky

“Concern for the safety and welfare of women forms the chief interest of the scientific endeavors of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. The University and its faculty are committed to studying the most pressing research questions and to helping inform a national research agenda on one of the most pressing human concerns of our time.”

Research

In 1994, Congress directed the National Research Council to develop a research agenda to broaden the understanding of domestic violence and rape. The Council concluded that significant gaps exist in the knowledge base regarding these crimes and that methodological weaknesses and a lack of sufficient research infrastructures hamper abilities to comprehend the scope of the problem and its attendant consequences (Crowell & Burgess, 1996). A primary focus of the UK Center will be development of a vigorous research agenda, particularly in three areas: health and mental health; law; and public policy and administration. Additionally, the Center will work with other researchers and funding agencies to create a national research agenda.

Scholarship and Public Service

Carol E. Jordan

**Acting Center Director
Executive Director of the Governor's
Office of Child Abuse and Domestic
Violence Services**

“The extraordinary importance of this Center lies in its ability to promote research and scholarship in the short run and safer lives for women and children in the long run.”

While the past two decades have been witness to growing scholarly, public, and policy attention to crimes of violence against women, limited effort has been put toward creation of innovative and comprehensive academic approaches to prepare health, mental health, legal, and other professionals for practice in this area. The Center will address academic preparation through scholarship and public service opportunities for students. The Center will also engage in public service mission by creating leadership institutes and other support programs in partnership with rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs.

BUILDING AN ENDOWMENT

To fulfill its research and academic mission, the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women is seeking individual and corporate partners to build an endowment. The Center's endowment would support:

Research director
Professorships
Graduate fellowships
Library Endowment
Other special research and training projects

Bucks for Brains

The Center for Research on Violence Against Women has a unique opportunity to access matching funds. Public institutions of higher learning in Kentucky benefit from the Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) established in 1997. Commonly referred to as "Bucks for Brains," the RCTF matches **dollar-for-dollar** private funds to enhance research efforts.

N. A. Crowell and A. W. Burgess

of the National Research Council Panel on Research on Violence Against Women

"After reviewing the literature on battering, rape and sexual assault the Panel (on Research on Violence Against Women) concludes that significant gaps exist in understanding the extent and causes of violence against women and the impact and effectiveness of preventive and treatment interventions. In order to begin filling those gaps, the panel recommends a research agenda to facilitate development in four major areas: preventing violence against women, improving research methods, building knowledge about violence against women, and developing the research infrastructure." (Crowell & Burgess, 1996)

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Approximately 1 million women are stalked annually in the U.S. In a survey of college women, 13% reported being stalked.

IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

Leadership of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women

Advisory Committee Leadership

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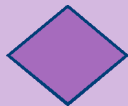
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The Work of the Center

The University of Kentucky has undertaken to enhance its stature as one of the nation's great universities: recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The establishment of a Center for Research on Violence Against Women enhances the mission of the University while improving the status of women in the Commonwealth and across the country. The Center for Research on Violence Against Women affords excellent opportunities:

- ◆ To participate with other researchers across the country in formulating a national research agenda to expand the knowledge base related to violence against women;
- ◆ To attract top faculty by providing an environment for outstanding professional education, mentoring and research opportunities;
- ◆ To join with corporate partners, other researchers and practitioners in identifying research questions and creating innovative programs to address violence against women;
- ◆ To promote the integration of research, education and public service in a field vital to the fundamental welfare of women and families;
- ◆ To develop innovative instruction and graduate educational opportunities for health, mental health, law, and other students to prepare them to address violence against women in their future professional settings.